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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 11, line 21 and ending at page 12, line 11 to read, as follows.

A length to which the charging roller 2 charges in the longitudinal direction the surface of the photosensitive drum 1, is 320 mm, and this charging roller 2 has, as shown in the layer structure pattern view of FIG. 2, a three-layered ~~3-layered~~ structure in which a lower layer 2b, and intermediate layer 2c and a surface layer 2d are laminated sequentially from under round an outer periphery of a core metal bar (support member) 2a. The lower layer 2b is a foamed sponge layer for reducing a charging noise, the intermediate layer 2c is a conductive layer for obtaining an uniform resistance on the whole of charging roller, 2 in this embodiment are given as follows.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 13, line 17 and ending at page 13, line 27 to read, as follows.

Reference numeral 3 represents a residual charge eliminating means for uniformly eliminating residual charges from the charged surface of the photosensitive drum 1. According this embodiment, the residual charge eliminating means is a laser scanner. Further, this residual charge eliminating means serves also as an exposure means for forming an electrostatic latent image in this embodiment. Thus, the contrivance of making the residual charge eliminating means serve as another ~~other~~ member enables also serves to decrease the number of parts. ~~parts to decrease.~~